

## **EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

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### **MORE JOBS PROGRAM**

#### **BACKGROUND**

The Massachusetts Opportunity Relocation and Expansion (MORE) Jobs Program was established in an economic stimulus bill that was passed by the legislature and signed into law by Governor Romney on June 24, 2006 (Chapter 123 of the Acts of 2006).

#### **PROGRAM OVERVIEW**

The Program provides grant funding to help finance the public infrastructure associated with business expansion and relocation projects. In total, \$100 million has been authorized for grants to qualifying projects. Grants must be used for infrastructure improvements, such as water and sewer connections, roadway enhancements, and utility upgrades.

#### **HOW DOES IT WORK?**

In order to receive a grant, a city or town and a for-profit business entity must jointly submit an application to the Secretary of Economic Development. Applications will be reviewed by an advisory committee, and grants will be awarded on a competitive basis.

#### **WHAT ARE THE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS?**

In order to be eligible for a grant, the business associated with a project must:

- Generate substantial sales from outside the Commonwealth;
- Create at least 100 new permanent full-time jobs in Massachusetts within 24 months; and
- Maintain the newly created jobs for at least 5-years.

#### **GUIDELINES & APPLICATIONS**

Draft guidelines and applications are now available on our website ([www.mass.gov/Bizteam](http://www.mass.gov/Bizteam)). Public comment on these guidelines and applications will be accepted through December 1, 2006. Please send your written feedback to us at [morejobs@state.ma.us](mailto:morejobs@state.ma.us).

#### **QUESTIONS?**

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